

**Framework Agreement for Cooperation  
and  
Cultural and Scientific Collaboration**

**Between**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE**

**Italy**



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI  
FIRENZE

**AND**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ORAN2 MOHAMED BEN AHMED  
ALGERIA**



**FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
FOR CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ORAN2  
MOHAMED BEN AHMED**

- Given that cultural and scientific exchange is indispensable to academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities;
- Given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage direct cultural agreements between institutions of higher learning in different countries;
- Having verified the mutual interest that the University of Florence (Italy) and the University of Oran2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed (Algeria) share in establishing an appropriate form of exchange program in the fields of Paleontology;
- Having regard to the regulations in force in both countries;
- Having regard to the Statute of the University of Florence

BETWEEN

The University of Florence, represented by its President, Prof. Alessandra Petrucci, domiciliated in Piazza San Marco 4 - 50121 Firenze (Italy)

AND

The University of Oran2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed, represented by its Rector, Prof. Ahmed CHAALAL, domiciliated at Pôle universitaire Belgaid BP 1015 Oran El M'Naouer Oran (Algeria)

Have agreed as follows

**Art. 1 - Structures and Sectors**

- The two Universities undertake to establish mutual collaboration initially in the following area:  
Palaeontology

For the University of Florence, the following Unit is participating in the development of this collaboration:

- Department of Earth Sciences (DST)

and, for the University of Oran2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed, the following Unit:

- Faculty of Earth and Universe Sciences

The two Universities reserve the right to define other areas of collaboration by mutual agreement. In such cases, specific supplementary agreements will be drawn up, subject to the approval of the competent bodies.

## **Art. 2 - Exchanges and activities**

The collaboration referred to in art.1 will take place on the basis of equality and with a view to mutual benefit. It includes:

1- Exchanges of professors, lecturers and researchers from the Units mentioned in art.1. The aim of these exchanges is to encourage the organization of seminars, cycles of lectures, congresses and conferences; to carry out joint research, to compare experiences in sectors of common interest, etc. ;

2- Exchanges of publications and information on the specific sectors covered by the present agreement and on any other subject deemed useful;

3- Exchanges of students for study and research stays or other training activities;

4) Exchanges of technical and administrative staff when deemed useful for carrying out significant activities.

The practical details of the exchanges may be described in a document attached to the agreement (date and duration of the stay, obligations of visitors, selection procedures, detailed explanation of the subjects to be covered by the agreement, etc.) stipulated by the competent bodies of the participating Units.

The two Universities promote student exchanges on a reciprocal basis, making their teaching and tutoring services available to exchange students.

Periods of study undertaken at the partner university by students benefiting from the present exchange program may be recognized in the academic curriculum of the home university after deliberation by the competent bodies.

Students on the present exchange program will be exempt from the payment of registration fees and any other charges at the host university.

### **Art. 3- Assistance and facilities**

The two Universities undertake to exchange all useful information on the structure and organization of the contracting Universities, in order to strengthen mutual knowledge.

In accordance with its own laws and regulations, each party will guarantee to guests sent by the other party, under the terms of the present agreement, all forms of assistance and facilities in the country to carry out the planned tasks.

### **Art. 4 - Insurance**

The participants to the exchanges, while exercising the activities provided for in the agreement, must have both accident insurance and third-party liability insurance for unintentional damage, hereby releasing the host university from any liability to this regard.

Such insurance coverage may be either provided by the home institutions, according to their own regulations, or contained in a policy covering the above-mentioned risks obtained by the interested person from an insurance company.

For what concerns health insurance (coverage for medical expenses and/or hospitalization) the participants must provide their own insurance according to the rules of the host country.

For specific needs related to insurance coverage for civil liability in the medical-health field, special supplementary agreements will be drawn up between the parties.

### **Art. 5 - Financial arrangements**

Each of the parties commit, through their participating units, to provide funds to carry out the activities foreseen by this agreement.

As a general rule, the institution sending its members to the foreign partner is responsible for covering their travel, room and board expenses. The departments of the University of Florence participating in the exchange will be in charge of covering travel, room and board expenses of their members.

In case institutional funds are not available for these purposes, student and staff mobility will still be possible; in this case exchange visitors will be directly responsible to fully cover their own expenses for travel, room and board, at no cost to the two Universities.

### **Art. 6- Coordinators:**

To facilitate the implementation of the agreement, the two Universities initially indicate the following

Coordinators:

Université de Florence

Prof. Silvia Danise

Department Earth Sciences (DST)

Université d'Oran2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed

Prof SATOUR Linda

Department of Geology (FSTU)

**Art. 7 - Duration and validity :**

The agreement will be drawn up and signed in English

Any disputes shall be settled by an arbitration board composed of one member appointed by each of the two parties and one member chosen by mutual agreement.

The present agreement comes into force from the date of signature and will be valid for five years thereafter, unless notice of withdrawal is given by one of the two parties in writing with at least 6 months' notice.

The President  
of the University of Florence  
Prof. Alessandra Petrucci  
Date..... 22 AGO 2024



The Rector  
of the University of Oran2 Mohamed Ben Ahmed  
Prof. Ahmed CHAALAL  
Date..... 23 MAI 2024

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